

YUAN SHI KAI SELECTED FOR CHINA'S THRONE

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PRESIDENT UNTIL THE CORONATION

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PEKING, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council of state canvassed the vote today on the question of a change in the form of government of China. A monarchist and found that the votes of 1993 representatives out of 2442 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change. The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

Friendly Note Likely
TOKIO, Dec. 11.—It is considered probable here that Japan, in the name of herself and her allies, will send another friendly note to China with regard to the proposed change of China's form of government to a monarchy. The emperor's powers have indicated that he does not wish to have the change take place during the war because of disturbances of the peace which it may entail.

Goodwill Is Surprised
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11.—Professor Frank Goodnow of Johns Hopkins University, whose contract as constitutional advisor to the Chinese government will expire next May, expressed surprise that the Chinese council of state had decided so soon to return to a monarchical form of government. Taking into consideration all the circumstances, he said he believed the chances for development of a constitutional government in China are better under a monarchy than a republic. He had advised deliberation, however, in making a change, he said, and suggested that the powers be sound in the matter. Apparently Japan, Russia and Great Britain regarded a change in the form of government with disfavor, he said.

As far as Professor Goodnow could judge, the upper classes were rather indifferent as to the form of government. The feeling among the poorer classes generally, he said, seemed to be that the country would be more "divinely favored" under an emperor than under a president.

In recent years Yuan Shi Kai has become the most conspicuous person-



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Minnesota Under Arrest When She Reaches 'Frisco

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—To all intents and purposes, the steamer Minnesota, which now is being towed up the coast to this port, will be under arrest when it drops anchor in San Francisco Bay, according to statements made today by John W. Preston, United States district attorney. Although he did not vouchsafe much information as to the course to be followed by the government, Mr. Preston

ARMIES ARE SETTling DOWN FOR LONG WINTER DEADLOCK IN TRENCHES

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, Dec. 11.—The main armies of Europe apparently have settled down into winter deadlock in the trenches. No news of important engagements along the main lines has been issued for several days. The Italians continue to bombard Gorizia, but the complete fall of that town, which has been expected at this time for the past fortnight, is still doubtful.

The Austro-Germans have withdrawn from Lember, Galicia, according to a Kiev dispatch, which gives the prevalence of security as the reason for this movement, but military critics consider it more reasonable to believe that they are straightening and shortening their lines for the winter. They are constructing fortified lines along the southern section of their front.

No definite details have been received today of the retirement of the French and British forces in the Balkans upon Saloniki, but this movement continues. The Paris Times asserts positively that the allies have decided with Saloniki at their base and send sufficient reinforcements to renew their offensive.

Apparently this information was gleaned from the Anglo-French council of war in Paris. Consequently the Balkans will remain the center of interest.

The day's news from Greece is favorable to the entente powers, but tomorrow may witness the shifting of the diplomatic wind to another quarter. A Reuters dispatch from Athens asserts that the Greek government will concede all the allies demands and that part of the Greek troops will be removed from Saloniki, while a

Rome report credits Greece with the decision to demobilize her army. The German rethelast is grappling with the problem of the food supply. Various party schemes have been presented to the laider committee, all of which include the establishment of maximum prices. The committee proposes a most radical plan for a bureau controlling prices and the distribution of food. Among its features are the limitation of the consumption of the principal commodities in hotels and restaurants, and special help for the poorer classes.

Copenhagen and Amsterdam furnish reports of a demonstration in Berlin, with the crowds shouting for peace, even insulting the crown prince who has arrived at Berlin, but there is no direct confirmation of these stories. The enrollment of recruits in the United Kingdom, under Lord Derby's scheme, was to have been finished at midnight, but the process of inculcated volunteers continued today, and the closing of the books has been postponed for another day, perhaps until Wednesday.

BLACKHANDER IS FOUND GUILTY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 11.—Joe Yestran, who has been on trial here for three weeks on a charge of being a member of a blackhand gang, which has been operating in San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland, was found guilty by a jury this afternoon. He will be sentenced Thursday. Just a month after his partner, Tony Franco, was sentenced to serve five years in San Quentin.

District Attorney Arthur M. Frost stated this afternoon that now that both Franco and Yestran had been found guilty here, they will be taken before the federal grand jury in San Francisco by the postal authorities, and charged with misuse of the mails.

SITUATION BETWEEN U. S. AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IS SERIOUS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—There were no developments today to alleviate the serious situation that threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

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A copy of the American note, which will be given out for publication in morning papers of next Monday, today was handed to Baron Zwiadineck, charge of the Austrian legation here, by Secretary Lansing, and it is understood the two discussed the situation briefly and informally.

It was said the talk merely was incidental to the charge being called at the state department to explain how he came to write a letter to the Austro-Hungarian consul-general at New York early in the war suggesting that passports of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian residents in this country. The letter was published in the New York press, and a graphic copy was delivered to Secretary Lansing by a New York newspaper.

Baron Zwiadineck explained that the letter was the work of a subordinate official of the embassy then in charge of Dr. Constantin Dumba, since recalled.

It could not be ascertained whether the explanation was satisfactory.

DYNAMITE UNDER ESPEE BRIDGE

Is It Part Of Plot Against Munitions?

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
OAKLAND, Dec. 11.—A package containing six sticks of dynamite, equipped with caps and fuses, was found today by an Italian fisherman under a bridge over Alhambra creek, a short distance west of Martinez, which carries the main line tracks of the Southern Pacific railroad. Over this bridge pass trains carrying the output of the Hercules Powder Company, and of the Standard Oil Company, to the east.

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the Southern Pacific company, said tonight that the entire western division of the railroad, which extends from Oakland to Ogden, would be closed under a special guard.

In the opinion of Prindiville and Sheriff Veale, the dynamite was placed under the bridge by some person desirous of impeding the progress of war munitions, which it is said, are shipped over the main line in large quantities. Trains of explosives frequently are despatched by the Hercules Powder company, and every other day the Standard Oil Company dispatches a train manned by armed guards which departs for Chicago under a 24-hour schedule.

Although the authorities possess no direct clue to the identity of the person or persons who placed the package under the bridge, Sheriff Veale and a posse of deputies are searching for an automobile which was being occupied by five men and a trunk which attracted the attention of the wharfinger at the Martinez munition wharf several days ago.

According to the wharfinger, two men came to the wharf in an automobile. One of them departed and soon returned with three other men who were carrying a trunk. He asked them what they were about, and was ordered away from the automobile. One of the men, he said, had asked him the way to the Hercules Powder Company's plant. He at once reported the matter to Sheriff Veale, who in turn notified the United States authorities.

Sheriff Veale reported tonight that he had found no trace of the machine or of its occupants. He had dropped from sight a few miles from Martinez on the state highway.

TO BANISH CUPID FROM OCEAN LINER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—William Metzler of Portland, Oregon, has been appointed by the Great Northern Steamship company to banish cupid from the broad decks of the liner Great Northern. As chaperone and caretaker, Metzler is expected to overcome the effect of the tropic moon and the glamour of the beautiful young women traveling alone between this port and Hawaii. Metzler will be on the job when the Great Northern sails for Honolulu December 16.

NO PASSPORTS; CAN'T TRAVEL

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—When Professor E. C. Green of the department of agriculture was prevented today because of the loss of his passport, from sailing for Brazil on the liner Verdi, he offered to communicate with the state department in Washington to establish his identity but was told that this would not suffice as the British authorities were taking no chances in transporting passengers without papers.

Through the incident it became known that all steamers recently were searched for a man believed to have caused the fire at the Bethlehem Steel Works and who is thought to have sailed from New York for South America last month. In this connection it was learned that the British have under arrest in a South American port a man traveling under a false passport, who was taken off the Valparaiso of the Lamport and Holt line, which sailed from New York for South American ports on November 12.

DECREE DISTRIBUTES LATHROP ESTATE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 11.—The decree of distribution of the \$250,000 estate of the late Charles D. Lathrop, treasurer of Stanford University, was signed today by Superior Judge P. E. Gosney in the probate court.

A smaller million dollars goes out right to the widow, Anne S. Lathrop, and the balance, together with the children and stepchildren's beneficiary under terms of big trusts established and left in the care of San Francisco trust companies.

A clause in the will provides that the children of the decedent are not to come into complete possession of the money left in trust until they have attained the mature age of 21.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO WRECK FLYER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 11.—For the third time since November 5, an attempt was made to wreck the Fresno flyer of the Southern Pacific railroad near Dos Palos. The engine, loaded with 200 tons of freight, was wrecked on November 5, and November 17, at the same location. Jose Salado, arrested yesterday, is charged with the attempt. He was released from the county jail three days ago. He admitted to the officers that he had witnessed the train hit the pile of ties but the evidence against him was insufficient to prove participation.

HAZING IS NOT CAUSE OF DEATH

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 11.—Reports that the death here last night of Thurber Sweet of Chicago, a student at the Virginia Military Institute, was caused by injuries received in hazing today were denied by the institute, which said death resulted from paralysis, induced by inflammation of the spine. They said the boy had been ill for some time.

Charles A. Sweet, the student's father, who came here when he learned his son's condition was serious, said he did not believe the hazing report, and school authorities placed no credence in it.

COFFEE HOUSES AS SALOON SUBSTITUTE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Seattle and formerly moderator of the Presbyterian synod, today said he would take steps immediately to find a substitute for saloons in Seattle which will go out of business January 1. Dr. Matthews said that his plans include establishing coffee houses in parts of the city frequented by large numbers of men who follow seasonal occupations and spent their unemployed time in saloons.



HUNDREDS QUIT RANKS OF VILLA; CARRANZA IN PURSUIT REMNANT

Rodriguez Army Numbers About Two Thousand Men Kept Together By Desire to Reach Their Homes in Chihuahua

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
DOUGLAS, Dec. 11.—Carranza troops are continuing pursuit of the Villa column commanded by General Jose Rodriguez, toward Chihuahua, receiving the surrender of hundreds of deserters, according to a message received today at Acum Prieta, Sonora, from General F. Elias Calles, Carranza military governor of the state. Seven cannon captured at Fronteras from Rodriguez arrived at Acum Prieta.

The Rodriguez column now numbers approximately 2,000 men, General Calles reported, and deserters declared all that was holding the Villa soldiers together was a desire to reach their homes in Southern Chihuahua. The Villa column was said to have only little food and ammunition.

Following the departure of General Alvaro Obregon for Nogales, reports were circulated here to the effect that he planned to proceed to Lower California within a few days in response to messages from Estelita Carranza, independent governor, purporting to offer him the office of governor.

Reports from railroad circles here said that the Carranza government had made tentative inquiries concerning railroads equipment available for train movements from Nogales and Acum Prieta to Columbus, N. M., opposite Patagonia, Chihuahua, and to El Paso, opposite Juarez. No definite information was available, but the rumor aroused considerable interest because of other reports saying that the Villaarrison at Juarez was negotiating with a view of giving him their allegiance.

David D. Watson, an American who arrived recently from Cananea, presented today to General Obregon a claim for \$10,000 damages against the Carranza government for losses in railroad cars on his property at Cananea. Watson was instructed to present his claim to General Calles, who has jurisdiction as governor of Sonora.

The smaller estate and home of Watson was raided four times by soldiers at Cananea, the claim set forth, estimate last time everything movable, even to bedding and a cook stove, were taken.

General Calles was expected to arrive tomorrow at Acum Prieta.

Villa at Chihuahua

EL PASO, Dec. 11.—General Francisco Villa reported to be at Madras, Chihuahua, with 2,000 troops, summoned Governor Aguirre, stationed at El Paso, to Chihuahua City today for a conference. The object of the meeting was not disclosed. Villa left immediately. Supplies for Villa's army are being rushed to Madras.

General Manuel Bandas, formerly in command of Los Villa troops at Casas Grandes, reached Juarez today with 200 men, ostensibly to strengthen the garrison there. Bandas on his arrival is reported to have declared that he would no longer follow Villa. He is also quoted as saying that General Jose Rodriguez had split with Villa and the conduct of the Sonora campaign.

The American colony of Madras, numbering about thirty-five, all employees of the Pearson properties, are en route to the border.

THE LAW LAID DOWN

Insanity proceeding over condemned murderer are intended to be inaugurated in time to permit the execution of the subject in the event he is found sane, according to a paragraph of the decision of the supreme court in the case of Warden Sims, cited for contempt, and freed yesterday.

The paragraph follows:

"It is only upon the verdict of the jury to the effect that the person is insane that the superintendent is authorized to suspend the execution. He has no power to determine the ques-

FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE WEDDING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—With President Wilson's return from Columbus today final arrangements were begun for his marriage next Saturday night to Mrs. Norman Galt. The New York dressmaker preparing wedding gowns for Mrs. Galt was at Mrs. Galt's home today to make final fittings. Most of the small company of the president's and Mrs. Galt's relatives who will witness the ceremony already are in Washington.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE FORMED BY CLIFTONITES

One Hundred Citizens Organize and Will Petition Town Council to Be Appointed Deputy Town Marshals Without Pay

[Special to The Republican]

CLIFTON, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Having for its purpose the mutual protection of the citizens in general against riots and disorders, the protection of lives and property within the corporate limits of the town of Clifton, and to bring about law enforcement, one hundred citizens of Clifton have organized the Clifton Citizens League. W. S. Bradford has been elected permanent chairman and Peter Riley, secretary. The membership rolls are still open, having been decided at the preliminary meeting held Friday evening, to secure as far as possible the enrollment of every neutral citizen in Clifton.

The members of the league will present, through a committee of petition to the town council at a meeting to be held Monday asking that such be appointed deputy town marshals. In case it is necessary, the members will act in conjunction with and aid the officers of the town and county. The committee named to present a resolution to the town council, and also to call upon the board of supervisors and the sheriff is composed of N. D. Whitely, J. C. Gaines, A. H. Shaughter, P. Riley and E. S. Bradford.

The resolution, adopted and which will be presented to the council is as follows:

"We the undersigned hereby agree to become members of the Clifton Citizens League and agree to accept appointments as deputy town marshals without pay for the purpose of preserving law and order within the town limits of the town of Clifton."

"The members of the league wish it expressly understood that the object of the organization is not opposed to any one faction in any way but is simply to see that justice is done in every instance and to protect lives and property in case of riots or disorders."

The resolution was most heartily endorsed by every man at the meeting last evening and the sentiments of all were strongly expressed.

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Following are some excerpts from the written opinion of Judges Ross and Franklin which have particularly important bearing on the case and which will doubtless serve to prevent any further embarrassing misunderstandings arising on such occasions:

"If on the day set for the execution of the sentence upon the question of the sanity of the prisoner has not been had and the verdict of the jury entered upon the minutes of the court and no review, commutation or pardon has been granted, it is the duty of the superintendent to carry into effect the judgment of the court. His authority for suspending the execution is an order of the court, based upon the verdict of the jury, as provided in Paragraph 1143. If the proceedings to determine the question of the prisoner's sanity are initiated at a time too late to be determined before the expiration of the death warrant, upon the recommendation of the board of censors and goes to the governor, and he only may relieve the death sentence to some future date to allow the question of the prisoner's sanity to be determined, but the superintendent has no power to do so."

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WITH MONARCHY COMING, DRESS STYLES CHANGE

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BITES BUREAU IS PREPARING

Practically Every Detail of Costumes Which Members of Parliament Must Wear Is Fixed By Official Mandate

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
PEKING, Dec. 11.—Chinese dressmakers, milliners and tailors are all in a flurry over the announcement that under the prospective monarchy fashions will be quite unlike those of the republic. So sure are the government officials of the result of the coming elections, that the bureau of rites has been instructed to prepare regulations for the etiquette of the monarchy. Under the republic the costumes and rules of conduct were wholly unlike those which prevailed in imperial China. Specific regulations were drawn up as to the height of the state-pipe hats which men were to wear on state occasions. The old Prince Albert coat, which European capitals have long discarded, was elevated to the class of distinction in a new weather distinguished gentlemen minding upon the president were permitted to wear a Prince Albert of unlined aprons.

Practically every detail of the costumes which members of parliament must wear was fixed by mandate, and there was great confusion when the Chinese officials found it necessary to change their native garb and imitate the dress of western nations.

President Yuan Shi Kai has indicated that there will be no restoration of the gorgeous attire associated under the Manchu regime, but it is generally believed that the new monarchy will not adhere to the strictly severe toilet of the republic.

At conferences held by the bureau of rites the following topics have already been considered: First—etiquette to be adopted in foreign and diplomatic affairs, such as the form of correspondence, the ceremony of exchanging guests, the ceremony for diplomatic funerals, second—The etiquette in connection with domestic affairs, such as the ceremony to be performed when the "Heavenly Son" is ascending the throne; third—etiquette for the imperial household, including funeral ceremonies, marriage rites and birthday celebrations.

In discussing the deliberations of the bureau of rites, the Peking DAILY NEWS, which is a staunch supporter of the monarchical movement, says:

"As the reestablishment of the monarchy is a foregone conclusion, there is every likelihood that changes will be brought about in a very short time, and the etiquette promulgated by the republic will no longer be applicable when the monarchical form of government is restored. In view of these facts, conferences have been held by the bureau of rites for the various kinds of etiquette and rules to be adopted by the new government, as well as to get shelters ready before the vernal equinox comes in."

Sims Overstepped Powers In Faltin Case, But Is Acquitted

Warden Robert E. Sims of the state prison at Florence was not in contempt of the supreme court of Arizona when on November 26, he refused to execute William Faltin, the condemned murderer as had been ordered by that tribunal. While the court finds that Mr. Sims overstepped somewhat his province in his failure to do so, the court is inclined to believe that he was acting in good faith and not with the intention of going against the order of the court.

That was the gist of the lengthy opinion handed down by Judges Ross and Franklin, thus freeing Mr. Sims from the sensational charge filed against him on November 27, by Attorney General Jones. Judge Cunningham concurred in the order dis-

charging Mr. Sims, but announced that he did not concur with the ruling of the court on the purpose of the proceeding nor in the interpretation placed upon the minutes involved. Judge Cunningham did not make known his reasons for his failure to see the matter in the same light as his associates, but stated that it was not customary to call on the minority member of the court for his reasons for withholding his vote on such matters.

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